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SUBJECT: U S PROFESSOR PROGRAM 1976-77: BUCHAREST AMLIT

CANDIDATE AUSTIN

REF: STATE 1583, BUCHAREST 1954

1. EMBASSY CANNOT GIVE IMMUTABLE GUARANTEE ON HOUSING FOR AUSTIN OR ANY GRANTEE. DESPITE OUR INTENSIVE EFFORTS IN NUMEROUS CASES IN PAST, MINED HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ADVISE US OF SPECIFIC HOUSING IN MOST CASES BEFORE ARRIVAL OF GRANTEE, AND HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION UNTIL AFTER GRANTEE ARRIVES. EMBASSY FEELS THAT MINED INFORMATION ON AUSTIN HOUSING AT THIS POINT WOULD NOT BE WHOLLY RELIABLE, BUT WILL OF COURSE MAKE EFFORT TO IMPRESS ON MINED THE SPECIAL NEEDS THE AUSTINS HAVE FOR ACCOMMODATIONS. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE HOUSING OF ANY SORT NOT EASILY AVAILABLE HERE, PARTICULARLY THROUGH MINED AND THAT PEACE CORPS TYPE ETHOS HELPFUL AND USUALLY REQUIRED FOR ADJUSTING TO CONDITIONS IN ROMANIA WHICH WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO CONTROL OR CHANGE TO SUIT OUR NEEDS.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE (REFTEL B) BUCHAREST HAS POLLUTION PROBLEMS EVEN IN THE AREA OF NEWEST HOUSING WHERE CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS FREQUENTLY EXACERBATES THESE PROBLEMS. POLLUTION PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT IN WINTER OWING TO EXTENSIVE USE OF SOFT COAL FOR HEATING. AUSTIN DAUGHTER STRONGLY ADVISED TO COMMENCE DESEN-
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SITIZATION TREATMENTS BEFORE COMING TO ROMANIA .

3. EMBASSY OF COURSE WILL DISCUSS HOUSING PROBLEMS AS WELL AS OTHERS DURING VISIT OF CIES REP MENTIONED REFTEL.

4. REVISION TO PARA 1 REFTEL B: BRITISH EMBASSY NURSE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON LIMITED BASIS TO AMERICAN EMBASSY AFTER DEPARTURE OF AMERICAN NURSE.

5. AUSTIN'S FINAL DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY HIM BASED ON ALL THESE FACTORS AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT IT IS ASAP.

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